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Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, please
amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

20. (New) A pulmonic fluid-flow control device, comprising:
a one-way valve dimensioned for pulmonary placement, wherein the valve
is configured to restrict fluid flow.

21. (New) The pulmonic fluid-flow control device of claim 20, wherein
the valve has an outer diameter of 0.349 inches.

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